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## XA-9721A PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In re the Application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/786,334 Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: February 26, 2004 Examiner: C. Nguyen

For: A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE AND A METHOD

OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

## **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, and to the requirement for restriction therein, Applicants elect the invention Group II (Claims 32-41) for examination, reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications with regard to the non-elected invention.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected invention is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and

has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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